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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: OPTICAL DISTRIBUTION  
NETWORK SYSTEM THAT PERFORMS  
SYSTEM SWITCHING ONLY WHEN  
OPERATION CONDITION IS IMPROVED

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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